

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for increasing at least one of the following two parameters of a polyamide: (i) its melting point and (ii) enthalpy of melting ΔH_m , comprising:
 - contacting solid polyamide with a substance consisting of water, water containing a minor amount of methanol, or steam, at a temperature close to crystallization temperature T_c of the polyamide, for a time long enough to effect said increase;
 - separating water or steam from the polyamide and drying the.
2. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to Claim 1, in which the temperature close to crystallization temperature T_c is from 10°C below T_c to 10°C above T_c .
3. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, in which the temperature close to crystallization temperature T_c is from 5°C below T_c to 5°C above T_c .
4. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, in which the duration of treatment is 5 to 100 hours.
5. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, in which the polyamide is PA-11, PA-12, an aliphatic polyamides resulting from the condensation of an aliphatic diamine having from 6 to 12 carbon atoms and an aliphatic diacid having from 9 to 12 carbon atoms, or an 11/12 copolyamides having either more than 90% of nylon-11 units or more than 90% of nylon-12 units.
6. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, in which the polyamide is in the form of granules or powder.

7. **(Previously Presented)** A process for manufacturing polyamide objects by sintering of polyamide powders by melting them using radiation, the powders having been treated according to, or resulting from ~~the~~ grinding of granules treated according to, the method of Claim 6.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to Claim 7, in which the radiation comes from a laser beam.

9. **(New)** A method according to claim 1, an the polyamide is blended with an additional polymer and optionally contains a filler.